

## What On Earth Am I Here For?

Birth - Age 3

Lesson 4 - Grow

**Toddler Tid-Bit** (Activity at home for parents and children- can be included in weekly handout)

**Verse:** *God works in me.* Romans 8:28 (NIV) paraphrased

**Message:** Paul was a mature believer. I guess you could call him “advanced.” How did he get that way? He continued to love and follow the Lord. He listened to the Holy Spirit and never lost sight of God’s plan for him. Was it difficult for him in the beginning? I am sure it was! Remember, Paul hated Christians before he was transformed into a believer of Christ. When he chose to follow Christ, he was put through a lot of struggles! But he loved the Lord and that was all he needed. He knew Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for his sin. He would now see Christ in Heaven one day. As Paul traveled, he learned to trust the Lord and grew stronger and stronger in his faith. He depended on God to get him through the good and rough times. Paul’s mission was to be more like Christ. His purpose in life was to help people to know Christ and grow in Christ. The third purpose of your life here on earth is to **GROW**.

### **Baby Bible Signs:**

#### **Word: God**

**Motion:** Hold your right hand, palm open, bent upward at a right angle, toward your wrist. Place your hand and arm, thumb toward you, at forehead level and move downward, drawing your hand along the middle of your face and down to your chest, stopping at your heart.

**In action:** *God loves me.*

#### **Try this activity with your child to teach that God grows them:**

Plant a faith garden. Plant a few seeds in a cup of dirt and place them in a warm, sunny, window. Let your child know that when we chose to love Jesus, He plants a seed of faith in our heart and as we talk to Him and love Him, those seeds of faith are watered and begin to grow. Just like a plant!

#### **Pray this prayer with your child:**

Dear God, Thank you for growing me. Amen